

Annual Report of the Selectmen

OF THE

TOWN OF MELROSE,

FOR THE

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1872,

TOGETHER WITH THE

REPORTS OF THE COLLECTOR, TREASURER AND
WATER COMMISSIONERS.

MELROSE :

H. C. GRAY, PRINTER, JOURNAL OFFICE,
1872.

TOWN OFFICERS, 1871.

SELECTMEN, OVERSEERS OF THE POOR, AND SURVEYORS OF
HIGHWAYS,

DANIEL RUSSELL, JAMES C. CURRIER,
JOHN H. CLARK.

TOWN CLERK,
JAMES WORTHEN.

TREASURER,
E. O. PHINNEY.

COLLECTOR,
GEORGE F. BOARDMAN.

ASSESSORS,
H. A. NORRIS, S. O. DEARBORN,
A. E. STEELE.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
N. P. SELEE, for 1 year,
F. P. WOODBURY, for 2 years,
NELSON COCHRAN, for 3 years.

AUDITORS,
E. H. GOSS, J. R. NORTON.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

To the inhabitants of Melrose:

In accordance with custom, we, as Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, and Surveyors of Highways, submit to you the following statement of the expenses paid on account of the town during the financial year ending March 1, 1872:

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

APPROPRIATION, \$10,000.

| <i>Teachers.</i> | <i>Wages.</i> | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| R. F. Leighton, | \$2,000 00 | |
| Mary. L. Charles, | 502 00 | |
| Lucy W. Bisbee, | 495 00 | |
| E. M. Pinkham, | 495 00 | |
| Julia M. Porter, | 495 00 | |
| Jennie L. Crie, | 437 50 | |
| Georgie F. Treadwell, | 437 50 | |
| F. S. Noyes, | 437 50 | |
| Chastine Emerson, | 437 50 | |
| Sarah E. Pratt, | 437 50 | |
| Mary M. Gilman, | 437 50 | |
| Emma M. Cate, | 465 00 | |
| Abbie L. Baker, | 190 00 | |
| Sarah E. Pratt, | 325 00 | |
| Mary W. Plummer, | 91 00 | |
| Nellie M. Buffum, | 80 00 | |
| M. M. Underwood, | 225 00 | |
| Julia A. Lowe, | 225 00 | |
| Lydia Mendum, | 10 00 | |
| S. C. Currica, | 20 00 | |
| H. C. Carey, Music, | 160 00 | |
| Fannie E. Grover, Music, | 382 00 | |
| Charles Furneaux, Drawing, | 102 00 | |
| T. F. Leonard, Elocution, | 50 00 | \$8,937 50 |
| T. F. Leonard, “ | | 198 00 |
| <i>Amount carried forward.</i> | | <u>\$9,135 50</u> |

Amount brought forward, \$9,135 50

For Fuel.

| | | |
|---------------------|----------|----------|
| S. S. Benson, coal, | \$695 80 | |
| J. McCarthy, | 12 00 | \$707 80 |
| S. E. Benson, | | 124 00 |
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| | | \$831 80 |

Care of School-Rooms.

| | | |
|-----------------|----------|----------|
| A. B. Pierce, | \$239 39 | |
| O. K. Stebbins, | 58 33 | |
| L. Fountain, | 153 00 | |
| J. L. Leonard, | 2 50 | |
| Arthur Upham, | 52 50 | |
| J. W. Symonds, | 67 90 | |
| A. Church, | 53 85 | |
| | <hr/> | \$627 47 |

Services of Committee.

| | | |
|-----------------|-------|-------------|
| F. P. Woodbury, | 50 00 | \$50 00 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$10,644 77 |

Cr. Received from State School Fund, \$228 45

Town appropriation, 10,000 00

\$10,228 45

Deficiency, 416 32

\$10,644 77

School Contingent.

For stoves, pipes, &c : —

| | |
|----------------------|----------|
| Paid to J. C. Howes, | \$139 07 |
| “ F. P. Woodbury, | 38 00 |
| “ E. Cox, | 23 10 |
| “ J. L. Leonard, | 14 20 |
| “ J. C. Howes, | 133 10 |
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Amount carried forward, \$347 47

Amount brought forward,

\$347 47

School Furniture.

Paid C. K. Bradford, window shades, &c., \$52 90

" Gould & Delano, 41 00

" Lawrence, Wild & Hull, 36 65

" Bugbee & Barrett, 27 29

" F. P. Woodbury, 3 34

" M. C. Warren, 10 75

" W. G. Shattuck, 78 05

Books, printing, &c. :—

" Babb & Stevens, reports, 53 00

" R. F. Leighton, books, 22 08

" " " " 75 00

\$398 96*Repairs.*

Paid G. F. Boardman, \$44 50

" W. A. Remick, 260 13

" D. H. Walker, 15 75

" Joel Snow, 1,054 90

" C. M. Currier, 7 75

" John Hawkins, 8 00

" A. B. Rogers, 2 55

" Ellis & Co., 73 30

" W. W. Boardman, 11 00

" H. B. Newhall, 25 59

" J. C. Reid, 6 30

" Joel Atwood, 10 22

" Ellis & Co., 26 25

" S. Ellison, 125 45

" A. P. Lynde, 8 75

\$1,680 44

Deficiency, 1871,

22 67

\$2,449 54

Appropriation,

2,000 00

Overdrawn,

\$449 54


The difference between the Treasurer's account and the above, is in consequence of bills outstanding the preceding year, but not paid.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

APPROPRIATION, \$3,300.

| | |
|--|------------|
| Paid engineers, | \$40 00 |
| “ 40 members of engine company, | 400 00 |
| “ steward, C. F. Hunt, \$20, R. Philpot, \$36, | 56 00 |
| “ T. McCoubry, work, wrenches, &c., | 7 17 |
| “ sundry bills for watching fire at Highlands, | 9 00 |
| “ sundry bills repairing engine house, labor and materials, | 47 21 |
| “ A. W. Mitchell & Co., | 37 00 |
| “ F. Curtis, rope and hook, | 3 00 |
| “ Malden and Melrose Gas Co., | 11 45 |
| * “ Summers & Hunt, discharge pipes and connections, | 18 25 |
| “ J. D. Parker, 305 feet of hose and couplings, | 457 50 |
| “ John Louer, for two new lanterns, | 7 50 |
| “ “ “ hose carriage, | 850 00 |
| “ Hunneman & Co., repairing hose, &c., | 39 65 |
| “ Grundy Hose Co., six months services, | 50 00 |
| “ Russell Hose Co., six months services, | 100 01 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$2,133 74 |
| Deficiency in 1871, | 188 26 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$2,322 00 |

APPROPRIATIONS.

| | |
|----------------------------|--|
| Fire Department, | \$800 00 |
| New hose, | 500 00 |
| New carriages, | 2,000 00 |
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| | \$3,300 00 |
| Balance to credit of fund, |  \$978 00 |
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| | \$3,300 00 |

SUPPORT OF POOR.

APPROPRIATION, \$2,000.

| | |
|--|------------|
| City of Charlestown, board and clothing M. E. Waitt, | \$75 00 |
| Town of Woburn for support of L. W. Harris and family, | 139 39 |
| Worcester Lunatic Hospital, board and clothing Mrs. Thomas, | 182 70 |
| J. W. Symonds, support of Mrs. Conner, | 166 05 |
| J. S. Paige, board of Mrs. Barron, | 62 00 |
| Paid coffin and funeral charges for Mrs. McMahan, | 30 14 |
| Paid rent for Mrs. Forbes, | 72 00 |
| Paid rent for Mrs. Adams, | 114 60 |
| Supplies furnished Mr. Barter, | 112 49 |
| M. Kimball, support of widow and children of C. G. Howard, one year, | 522 77 |
| Board, lodging and tickets supplied travellers, | 74 97 |
| Sundry supplies furnished for Thanksgiving, | 22 55 |
| Sundry supplies furnished Mrs. Thompson, | 59 00 |
| Mrs. Sullivan, | 35 25 |
| “ Higgins, | 12 00 |
| “ Macomb, | 54 25 |
| Mr. Moore, | 21 58 |
| Fuel and supplies furnished several families, | 58 47 |
| Hill Bros., supplies furnished C. Howard, | 204 00 |
| City of Boston, supplies furnished, | 59 52 |
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| | \$2,078 73 |
| Appropriation, | \$2,000 00 |
| Received from town of Malden, account Mrs. Thompson, | 59 00 |
| Due from State, account R. Barter, | 112 49 |
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| | \$2,171 49 |
| Balance due fund, | \$92 76 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$2,171 49 |

HIGHWAYS, DRIANAGE, AND BRIDGES.

APPROPRIATION, \$11,000.

| | |
|---|-------------|
| H. A. Norris, for gravel, | \$174 10 |
| J. G. Emerson, gravel, | 98 15 |
| E. Fuller, gravel and labor, | 99 29 |
| T. C. Love, | 10 00 |
| F. Lunt, | 27 50 |
| G. W. Boardman, gravel, | 20 40 |
| J. D. Hodges, gravel, | 30 60 |
| G. W. Grover, | 128 00 |
| H. McLaughlin, | 46 25 |
| W. Lynde, for gravel and labor, | 255 74 |
| J. W. Butrick, for labor and gravel, | 266 00 |
| Levi Martin, | 83 50 |
| Michael Fleming, | 131 50 |
| Charles Boardman, labor and gravel, | 227 35 |
| A. W. Lynde, | 2,060 40 |
| John Hawkins, | 867 91 |
| E. B. Southwick, | 1,179 16 |
| H. C. Richardson, | 1,631 74 |
| T. O. Bryant, | 32 00 |
| Sundry bills, | 42 58 |
| Ellis & Co., contract on Main street, | 710 02 |
| Sundry bills on Main street, | 561 10 |
| “ “ on Myrtle and Winthrop, | 237 05 |
| Sundry on other streets, | 1,840 65 |
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| | \$10,760 99 |
| Balance on widening Emerson and Vinton streets, | 85 45 |
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| | \$10,846 44 |
| Appropriation, | \$11,000 00 |
| Balance of last year's appropriation, | 539 36 |
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| | \$11,539 36 |
| Balance in favor of fund, | \$692 92 |
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| | \$11,539 36 |

WIDENING EMERSON AND VINTON STREETS PER VOTE OF THE TOWN.

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|------------------------|----------|------------|
| Amount expended, 1870, | \$877 25 | |
| “ “ 1871, | 208 20 | \$1,085 45 |
| Appropriation, | | 1,000 00 |
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| | | \$85 45 |

STREET LIGHTS.

APPROPRIATION, \$1,200.

| | | |
|---|------------|------------|
| H. C. Richardson, furnishing oil for lamps, lighting lamps, | \$552 78 | |
| Malden & Melrose Gas Co., for gas, | 467 50, | |
| | <hr/> | \$1,020 28 |
| James Worthen & Co., for lamps, chim- nies, burners, wicks, &c., | 32 20 | |
| A. M. Dailey, for lamps and repairs, | 16 91 | |
| G. A. Faxon, repairing lanterns, &c., | 42 75 | |
| E. Cox, repairs, | 1 50 | |
| H. C. Richardson, painting posts, &c., | 18 50 | |
| B. Dow & Co., burners, | 2 50 | |
| | <hr/> | \$114 36 |
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| | | \$1,134 64 |
| Balance in favor of fund, | | 65 36 |
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| Appropriation, | \$1,200 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1,200 00 |

SUMS PAID BY ORDER OF COURT OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS FOR WHICH NO APPROPRI-
ATION WAS MADE.

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| For removing dam at Malden, | \$105 00 |
| On account of Drainage, | 1,500 00 |
| “ “ “ “ | 800 00 |
| “ “ “ “ | 622 49 |
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| | \$3,027 49 |

For which an appropriation should be made.

MEMORIAL DAY.

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| Amount expended, | | \$248 25 |
| Appropriation, | \$200 00 | |
| “ additional, | 48 25 | |
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| | | \$248 25 |

REGISTRY OF DOGS.

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| For the year 1871, 156 males, at \$2 each, | \$312 00 |
| 13 females, at \$5 each, | 65 00 |
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| | \$377 00 |
| Town Clerk's fees, | 33 80 |
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| Amount paid County Treasurer, | \$343 20 |

STATE AID.

NO APPROPRIATION.

Paid monthly from March 1871 to March 1872,

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|---------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Samuel Sprague, wife and child, | \$120 00 | |
| Sarah E. Stilphin and child, | 96 00 | |
| Horace E. Morse, | 48 00 | |
| Roswell W. Chandler, | 72 00 | |
| William Story, | 120 00 | |
| Sarah Barrett, | 48 00 | |
| Mary F. Howard, | 48 00 | |
| Luzon Weeks, | 72 00 | |
| Joseph S. Eastman, | 72 00 | |
| Horace W. Cushman, 8 months, | 48 00 | |
| Levi G. Pratt, 4 months, | 16 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$760 00 |

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES UNDER HEAD OF
CONTINGENTS.

| | |
|---|----------------|
| Fuel and lights for Selectmen's room and Public Library. | \$27 10 |
| David Fairbanks, copying Valuation Book for the State, examining Records, Annual Report, &c., | 121 20 |
| D. L. & J. G. Webster, rent of room, six months, for office and Public Library, | 50 00 |
| J. C. Currier, for stove, | 15 00 |
| N. Cochran, surveying, | 16 00 |
| C. P. Judd, for fees, | 46 59 |
| Sundry bills for fixing room for Selectmen, Public Library, and Water Commissioners, | 60 83 |
| D. R. Woodward, shelving for Library, | 121 64 |
| Moving safe, | 30 00 |
| <i>Amount carried forward,</i> | <hr/> \$478 36 |

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| <i>Amount brought forward,</i> | \$478 36 |
| Use of Concert Hall, | 51 67 |
| Repairs on Pump, | 3 00 |
| Nathaniel Howard, returning forty-seven deaths, | 4 70 |
| Work on Cemetery, | 130 50 |
| James Worthen, recording and reporting to State | |
| 55 deaths, 69 births and 27 marriages, | 32 25 |
| James Worthen, permits for removal of dead bodies, | 4 64 |
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| | \$715 12 |

PRINTING.

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| H. C. Gray, annual report, | 75 00 |
| Bills, | 1 50 |
| Babb & Stevens, warrants for town meeting, | |
| posters, &c., | 23 00 |
| A. W. Haskell, tax bills, &c., | 17 50 |
| L. B. Wilder, list of voters, | 33 00 |
| Printing notices, | 3 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$153 00 |

POLICE.

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|---|------------|
| J. S. Hopkins, | \$25 00 |
| Moses Briggs, | 25 30 |
| W. N. Tyler, | 98 20 |
| A. B. Pierce, services as police and serving war- | |
| rants, | 79 30 |
| H. W. Newhall, | 30 00 |
| Joseph Holbrook, | 35 00 |
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| | \$292 80 |
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| <i>Amount carried forward,</i> | \$1,160 92 |

Amount brought forward, 1,160 92

TOWN OFFICERS.

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| E. H. Goss, as Auditor, 1870. | \$15 00 |
| H. A. Norris, as Assessor, | 215 00 |
| S. O. Dearborn, “ | 215 00 |
| A. E. Steele, “ | 215 00 |
| Daniel Russell, Selectman, Overseer of the Poor, and Surveyor of Highways, | 200 00 |
| James C. Currier, “ “ | 250 00 |
| John H. Clark, “ “ | 200 00 |
| James Worthen, town clerk, recording warrants, &c., action thereon, | 30 00 |
| “ “ clerk for selectmen, making State aid and other reports, care of rooms, | 170 00 |
| “ “ Expense and time going to other places on town business, | 3 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$1,513 00 |
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| | \$2,673 92 |
| Balance in favor of fund, | 326 08 |
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| Appropriation, | \$3,000 00 |

NEW LAMP POSTS.

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|---|----------|
| Bubier & Co., 4 lamp posts, | \$72 00 |
| J. A. Winn & Bro., 5 lamp posts, | 85 00 |
| B. P. Bowman, 9 lamps, | 74 60 |
| Eastman's Express, lamp posts and lanterns, | 5 25 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$236 85 |

No appropriation.

We recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year :

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| For schools, | \$12,500 00 |
| “ school contingent, | 2,500 00 |
| “ highways, | 4,000 00 |
| “ support of the poor, | 2,500 00 |
| “ lighting street lights, | 1,300 00 |
| “ contingent expenses, | 3,000 00 |
| “ interest and expense of water fund, | 2,500 00 |
| “ interest on town debt, | 5,500 00 |
| “ Decoration Day, | 200 00 |
| “ water fund of town, | 1,000 00 |
| “ amount paid on account of drainage by order of County Commissioners, | 3,027 49 |
| “ amount of deficiencies on school and school contingencies, by Treasurer’s report, | 2,814 30 |
| To meet temporary loans, | 2,000 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$42,841 79 |

And for such sums as may be assessed on the town for the support of Malden bridge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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| DANIEL RUSSELL, | } <i>Selectmen</i> |
| JAMES C. CURRIER, | |
| JOHN H. CLARK, | |

of
Melrose.

MELROSE, March 20, 1872.

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| Dr. GEORGE F. BOARDMAN, COLLECTOR, FOR | |
| 1871, March 18. | Taxes for 1868, uncoll'd this date, \$207 12 |
| 1872, March 18. | Balance of uncollected taxes for 1868, to new account, \$195 76 |
| 1871, March 18. | Taxes for 1869, uncoll'd this date, 839 04 |
| 1872, March 18. | To interest on taxes collected since March, 1871, 37 36 |
| | <hr/> \$876 40 |
| 1872, March 18. | Balance of uncollected taxes for 1869, to new account, \$478 70 |
| 1871, March 18. | Taxes for 1870, uncoll'd this date, \$4,694 88 |
| 1872, March 18. | To interest on taxes collected since March, 1871, 155 38 |
| | <hr/> 4,850 26 |
| 1872, March 18, | Balance of uncollected taxes for 1870 to new account, \$422 31 |
| 1871, August. | To taxes for 1871, as per warrant, \$43,954 17 |
| 1871, August. | To taxes for 1871 as per additional, 47 60 |
| 1872, March 18. | To interest collected from Oct. 1, 1871, to date, 360 22 |
| | <hr/> \$44,361 99 |
| Balance, | 941 65 |
| Less cash in hands of collector for taxes of 1868. | |
| 1869 and 1870, as above, | 249 56 |
| | <hr/> \$692 09 |
| Amount due collector, | |
| 1872, March 18. | Balance of uncollected taxes for 1871 to new account, \$3,031 90 |
| Taxes now uncollected for 1868, | \$195 76 |
| " " " " 1869, | 478 70 |
| " " " " 1870, | 422 31 |
| " " " " 1871, | 3,031 90 |
| Total, | <hr/> \$4,128 67 |
| E. and O. E. | |
| GEORGE F. BOARDMAN, <i>Collector.</i> | |
| MELROSE, March 18, 1872. | |

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| 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, IN ACC. WITH TOWN. | CR. |
| 1872, March 18. By taxes of 1868, uncoll'd this date, | \$195 76 |
| 1872, March 18. By cash, in Collector's hands, | 11 36 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$207 12 |
| 1872, March 18. By taxes of 1869, uncollected this date, | 478 70 |
| 1872, March 18. By commission for collecting 1869 taxes, | 3 98 |
| 1872, March 18. By cash paid Tr as per receipt, | 200 00 |
| 1872, March 18. By cash in Collector's hands, | 193 72 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$876 40 |
| 1872, March 18. By abatements authorized by Assessors to date, | \$191 10 |
| 1872, March 18. By commission for amount 1870 taxes collected since March, 1871, | 42 37 |
| 1872, March 18. By taxes of 1870, uncollected this date, | 422 31 |
| 1872, March 18. By cash paid Treasurer as per receipt, | 4,150 00 |
| 1872, March 18. By cash in Collector's hands, | 44 48 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$4,850 26 |
| 1872, March 18. By abatements authorized by Assessors to date, | \$454 65 |
| 1872, March 18. By taxes of 1871 uncollected this date, | 3,031 90 |
| 1872, March 18. By commission on 1870 taxes collected to March 18, 1871, | 367 79 |
| 1872, March 18. By commission on 1871 taxes collected to date, | 413 30 |
| 1872, March 18. By cash paid Treasurer, as per receipt, | 41,036 00 |
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| | \$45,303 64 |
| 1872, March 18. Treasurer to account for | 45,336 00 |

We have examined the Collector's books and accounts for the last year and find the above statement correct.

E. H. GOSS, }
J. R. NORTON, } *Auditors.*

MELROSE, March 18, 1872.

STATEMENT OF TOWN DEBT, MARCH 1, 1872.

| Nature of obligation. | Date. | When due. | Rate of interest. | Interest paid to. | Amount. |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Treasurer's note. | June 12, 1858 | On demand. | 6 per cent. | June 12, 1870 | \$500 00 |
| " | April 29, 1861 | " | 6 " | Oct. 29, 1870 | 1,000 00 |
| " | July 26, 1861 | " | 6 " | Jan. 26, 1871 | 1,000 00 |
| " | Dec. 8, 1862 | " | 6 " | Dec. 8, 1870 | 5,000 00 |
| " | June 1, 1864 | " | 6 " | Dec. 1, 1870 | 4,000 00 |
| " | July 2, 1864 | " | 6 " | Jan. 2, 1871 | 2,000 00 |
| " | Dec. 1, 1864 | " | 6 " | Dec. 1, 1870 | 1,200 00 |
| " | Feb. 13, 1865 | " | 6 " | Feb. 13, 1871 | 100 00 |
| " | Sept. 7, 1865 | Sept. 7, 1885 | 6 " | March 7, 1871 | 20,000 00 |
| " | July 11, 1868 | July 11, 1873 | 6 " | Jan. 11, 1871 | 1,000 00 |
| " | Oct. 15, 1868 | Oct. 15, 1873 | 6 " | Oct. 15, 1870 | 5,000 00 |
| " | Oct. 15, 1868 | Oct. 15, 1878 | 6 " | Oct. 15, 1870 | 5,000 00 |
| " | Oct. 15, 1868 | Oct. 15, 1883 | 6 " | Oct. 15, 1870 | 5,000 00 |
| " | Oct. 15, 1868 | Oct. 15, 1888 | 6 " | Oct. 15, 1870 | 5,000 00 |
| " | June 1, 1870 | Dec. 1, 1880 | 7 " | Dec. 1, 1870 | 12,500 00 |
| " | June 1, 1870 | Dec. 1, 1880 | 7 " | Dec. 1, 1870 | 12,500 00 |
| Treasurer's temporary loans, | Nov. 2, 1871 | May 2, 1872 | 6 " | May 2, 1872 | 1,000 00 |
| " | Nov. 11, 1871 | May 11, 1872 | " | May 11, 1872 | 1,000 00 |
| " | Nov. 23, 1871 | May 23, 1872 | " | May 23, 1872 | 2,500 00 |
| " | Dec. 1, 1871 | June 1, 1872 | " | June 1, 1872 | 1,000 00 |
| " | Jan. 16, 1872 | July 16, 1872 | " | July 16, 1872 | 4,000 00 |
| | | | | | <u>\$90 300 00</u> |

STATISTICS OF THE TOWN, MAY 1, 1871.

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| Valuation of Real Estate of residents, | \$2,047,639 00 |
| Less exempt to widows, | 3,500,00 |
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| | \$2,044,139 00 |
| Real estate of non-residents, | 364,102 00 |
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| | \$2,408,241 00 |
| Personal estate of residents, | \$401,015 00 |
| “ “ non-residents, | 3,500 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$404,515 00 |
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| | \$2,812,756 00 |

Tax on \$2,812,756 at $1\frac{1}{2}$, pr. ct. is \$42,191 34
 “ 881 polls, at \$2 each, 1,762 00

Total taxes for 1871, \$43,953 34

For the following purposes :

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| State tax, | \$4,475 00 |
| County tax, | 1,821 77 |
| Public schools, | 10,000 00 |
| School contingent, | 2,000 00 |
| Support of poor, | 2,000 00 |
| Highways, | 3,000 00 |
| Drainage, | 500 00 |
| Fire department, | 800 00 |
| New hose, | 500 00 |
| Lighting streets, | 1,200 00 |
| Memorial day, | 200 00 |
| Interest on town debt, | 5,000 00 |
| “ “ water bonds, | 4,000 00 |
| Widening Emerson and Vinton sts., | 1,000 00 |
| Widening Cedar Park, | 500 00 |
| Damages to John Smith, | 400 00 |
| Avon and Elm streets, | 700 00 |
| Baxter street, | 150 00 |
| Water-use of the town, | 1,000 00 |
| Deficiencies in former appropriation, | 1,470 00 |
| Contingent expenses, | 3,000 00 |
| Overlayings, | 86 57 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$43,953 34 |

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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WITH THE TOWN.

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|---|-------------|
| By cash paid for schools, | \$11,224 10 |
| “ “ “ school contingent, | 3,878 65 |
| “ “ “ support of poor, | 2,701 57 |
| “ “ “ town contingent, | 2,694 02 |
| “ “ “ highways and drainage, | 11,149 25 |
| “ “ “ } standing loans | 5,098 00 |
| “ “ “ } temporary loans, | 839 57 |
| “ “ “ } water bonds, | 6,000 00 |
| “ “ “ lighting streets, | 1,411 97 |
| “ “ “ fire department, | 838 44 |
| “ “ “ State aid, | 760 00 |
| “ “ “ cemetery, | 130 50 |
| “ “ “ temporary loans, | 30,429 59 |
| “ “ “ public library, | 937 16 |
| “ “ “ Cedar Park, (J. Smith,) | 400 00 |
| “ “ “ Avon and Elm streets, | 700 00 |
| “ “ “ Green and Howard streets, | 145 00 |
| “ “ “ Baxter street, | 150 00 |
| “ “ “ Malden Bridge, | 150 00 |
| “ “ “ Decoration Day, | 248 25 |
| “ “ “ Spot Pond water, | 89 03 |
| “ “ “ Malden drainage, | 2,927 49 |
| “ “ “ State tax, | 4,475 00 |
| “ “ “ County tax, | 1,821 77 |
| “ “ “ hose carriage, | 850 00 |
| “ “ “ hose, | 457 50 |
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| | \$90,406 86 |
| March 15, 1872. By Treasurer's percentage for services, | 227 82 |
| By balance in treasury, | 1,215 41 |
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| | \$91,850 09 |

We have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Town Treasurer, and find them correct.

E. H. GOSS,
J. R. NORTON.

MELROSE, March 15, 1872.

TABLE OF VALUATION, ETC., MAY 1, 1871.

| | |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Total value of personal estate, | \$404,515 00 |
| “ value of real estate, | 2,408 241 00 |
| “ number of polls, | 881 |

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| State tax, | \$4,475 00 |
| County tax, | 1,821 77 |
| Town appropriation, | 35,895 00 |

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| Total amount of tax, | <u> </u> | \$42,191 77 |
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| Number of dwelling houses, | (gain 36) | 665 |
| “ horses, | (gain 17) | 194 |
| “ cows, | (gain 21) | 169 |

REGISTRY OF MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS, IN 1871.

Births.

| | | |
|--|----|----|
| Whole number of births, | | 69 |
| Males, | 38 | |
| Females, | 31 | 69 |
| American fathers, 43, foreign fathers, | 26 | 69 |
| “ mothers, 44, foreign mothers, | 25 | 69 |

Marriages.

| | | |
|----------------------------|----|----|
| Whole number of marriages, | | 27 |
| Native born citizens, | 23 | |
| Foreign “ “ | 1 | |
| One each, | 3 | 27 |

Deaths.

| | | |
|-------------------------|----|----|
| Whole number of deaths, | | 55 |
| Males married, | 16 | |
| Females married, | 10 | |
| Widowers, | 4 | |
| Widows, | 3 | |
| Males, single, | 12 | |
| Females, single, | 10 | |
| Under 1 year, | 10 | |
| “ 10 over 1, | 3 | |
| “ 20 “ 10, | 2 | |
| “ 30 “ 20, | 8 | |
| “ 40 “ 30, | 3 | |
| “ 50 “ 40, | 7 | |
| “ 60 “ 50, | 8 | |
| “ 70 “ 60 | 7 | |
| “ 80 “ 70, | 5 | |
| “ 90 “ 80, | 2 | 55 |

REPORT OF THE ENGINEERS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The Fire Department has in use, and ~~is~~ in the following condition: One hand engine, in fair working order; one four-wheel hose carriage, new; six hundred feet of leather hose, part new, and all good; four hundred feet of leather hose, unfit for service; house of engine and hose carriage in very poor condition, and extensive repairs needed.

There have been three alarms of fire the last year, and the losses have been confined wholly to the destruction of wood.

The appropriation of last year has been expended by the payment of expenses for the year 1870, and purchase of new hose, which left only about \$350 for the Fire Department during the year 1871. There will be due for pay of members, May 1st, 1872, about \$225, for which we would ask a special appropriation.

— In view that the water from Spot Pond is often entirely shut off from the mains, and the length of time before the full head is again distributed through them, the danger from fire being increased by the buildings of this town being mostly of wood, the Board of Engineers recommend that the town by vote, increase the Department to consist of one engine, to be a hand, or a steamer, thoroughly repaired, one hook and ladder carriage, to be located at or near the present engine house, one hose carriage at the Highlands, one hose carriage at Wyoming, and not less than one thousand feet of rubber or leather hose, and to furnish suitable accommodation for the apparatus to be kept.

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| J. R. NORTON, T. B. STANTIAL, J. R. SIMONDS, T. A. LONG, | } | <i>Engineers.</i> |
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MELROSE, March 1st, 1872.